

BASSETT STEPHEN G
 Form 4
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BASSETT STEPHEN G

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
**AXCELIS TECHNOLOGIES INC
 [ACLS]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

108 CHERRY HILL DRIVE

(Street)

BEVERLY, MA 01915

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/27/2004

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Sr. VP and CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock option (right to buy)	\$ 7.99	12/27/2004	A ⁽¹⁾	25,000					06/25/2008 ⁽²⁾	06/25/2014	Common Stock	25,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BASSETT STEPHEN G 108 CHERRY HILL DRIVE BEVERLY, MA 01915			Sr. VP and CFO	

Signatures

Lynnette C. Fallon, as attorney-in-fact for Stephen G. Bassett	12/27/2004
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Granted Pursuant to the Axcelis Technologies, Inc. 2000 Stock Plan.
- (2) Exercisable as to 25% of the total shares on each of 6/25/2005, 6/25/2006, 6/25/2007 and 6/25/2008.

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